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SUBJECT: GVN DENIAL OF ENTRY TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. EMB POLOFF WAS CALLED TO FONMIN TODAY TO RECEIVE ORAL NOTE SAYING THAT GOH HAD NOW DECIDED MARJAI SHOULD NOT INSPECT HUNGDEL ICCS.

2. ACCORDING TO ORAL NOTE, DECISION WAS DUE TO "CONDUCT OF SAIGON AUTHORITIES WHO, IN CONTRADICTION OF SPIRIT OF PARIS AGREEMENTS, AND AFTER UNUSUAL DIPLOMATIC DELAYS, GAVE OUT INCORRECT INFORMATION CONCERNING GRANTING AND FORBIDDING OF PERMISSION FOR DEPUTY MINISTER MARJAI TO ENTER COUNTRY. THESE ACTIONS CAST AN UNFAIR SHADOW ON DEPUTY MINISTER MARJAI BY SAIGON AUTHORITIES. GOH THEREFORE, HOLDS SAIGON AUTHORITIES FULLY RESPONSIBLE

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FOR PREVENTING ENTRY OF MARJAI AND FOR CONSEQUENCES

RESULTING FROM THIS ACT."

3. EARLIER IN DAY, EMBOFF HAD BEEN CALLED TO FONMIN TO RECEIVE GOH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING MARJAI ADMITTED TO SVN. DECISION TO CALL OFF TRIP APPARENTLY MADE SHORTLY THEREAFTER. FONMIN INSISTED THAT MARJAI HAD BEEN GIVEN OFFICIAL GVN PERMISSION TO ENTER COUNTRY ON MORNING OF 16TH, BUT DECISION REVERSED AFTERNOON OF SAME DAY. MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAD NEWS REPORTS FROM SAIGON CONTAINING REPORT THAT GVN FONMIN ACCUSED MARJAI OF ENTERING VIETNAM USINGEZWUNCLEAR OR CLANDESTINE MEANS."

4. ALSO IN MORNING, GOH OFFICIAL ASKED FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN SECURING PERMISSION FROM GVN FOR TWO HUNGDEL ICCS COURIERS TO ENTER VIETNAM (SEE BUDAPEST 3484)

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT EVEN THOUGH HUNGARIANS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE FOLLOWED CORRECT PROCEDURES IN SECURING VISAS (AND COULD EVEN HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY AVOIDING THEM, THOUGH WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF THIS), REFUSAL TO GRANT MARJAI ENTRY WILL CLEARLY NOT ASSIST EFFORT TO SECURE LESS BIASED GOH POSITION IN ICCS. TRIP TO VIETNAM BY SUCH HIGH-LEVEL GROUP MAY HAVE INDICATED THAT GOH WAS ENGAGED IN EXAMINATION OF ITS POSTURE IN ICCS. THEY WILL NO DOUBT USE INCIDENT AS SUPPORT FOR CURRENT POSITION.
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